

**REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 4, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 is requested.

**The Office Action**

The Examiner allowed claims 1-3 and 5-7.  
Claims 4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

**The Present Amendment**

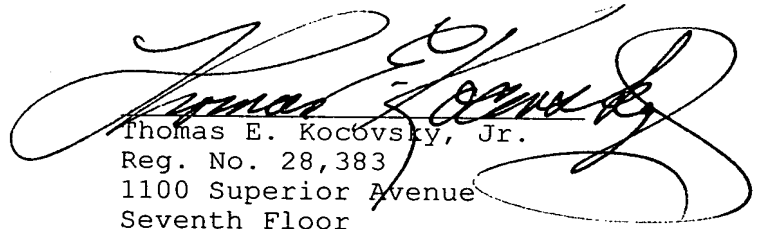
The present amendment resolves the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection. Specifically, claim 3 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for "unequal" in claim 4. Analogously, claims 7 and 8 have been amended for greater definiteness. Part of the subject matter of claim 8 has been moved to new claim 9.

**CONCLUSION**

With these amendments, it is submitted that all claims now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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